### Law Enforcement - Lockwood Valley Sub-Station (FINAL)

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#### **ITEM 1. Proposed Project**

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department's (VCSD) Lockwood Valley Sheriff's Station is a resident outpost located in the back country of northern Ventura County. This station is responsible for providing law enforcement services to approximately 610 square miles of territory. The Lockwood Valley area consists of many ranches, with small communities located in pockets throughout the area. There are approximately 1,500 permanent, year round residents in this area. The Lockwood Valley area borders Los Angeles, Kern, and Santa Barbara counties.

The Lockwood Valley area is situated in and around the Mount Pinos District of the Los Padres National Forest. These areas include extensive trail systems of Ballinger Canyon OHV area, Quatal Canyon, Dry Canyon, Grade Valley, Gold Hill, Alamo Mountain, and Frazier Mountain. This area also includes most of Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA).

This area is host to many recreational visitors to the forest and SVRA areas. On weekends and holidays, the population increases substantially. Many Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) operators camp in forest or SVRA campgrounds, or travel up for the day, and operate on established OHV trails. Many law enforcement problems arise out of the increased population of OHV operators.

Common calls for service include trespassing onto private property in county areas, and injured and/or lost OHV operators, sometimes due to careless or reckless operation, a lack of proper safety equipment worn, leaving established and marked trails, or operating while intoxicated. Often these incidents occur on trails a significant distance from campgrounds and trail heads; making standard emergency vehicles unable to access the area. In these cases, the incident becomes a Search and Rescue (SAR) Operation. The Ventura County Sheriff's Department is the lead agency for all SAR responses in Ventura County. VCSD SAR consists of VCSD helicopters, volunteer ground search teams, command posts, and sworn deputies. Many of these members operate motorcycles and quads in the performance of their duties. Due to its close proximity to theses areas, sworn members of the Lockwood Valley Sheriff's Station are often the initial responders for SAR incidents.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department has many deputies cross-trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). The VCSD is a certified Emergency Medical Provider per the Ventura County Emergency Medical Services Agency. Many SAR members, as well as personnel assigned to the Lockwood Valley Station, are currently certified EMT's. These deputies and volunteers respond to calls for service and often provide first aid and basic life support to OHV operators prior to the arrival of advanced life support personnel.

Deputies assigned to the Lockwood Valley Station have historically deployed OHV patrols into the SVRA and forest areas to maintain a uniformed presence, and to enforce state laws and county ordinances. These patrols are intended to discourage trespassing, reduce injuries, and to enhance the safety of all OHV operators. Patrols in the SVRA are intended to supplement the efforts of State Park Rangers. Patrols in the forest are intended to establish a law enforcement presence, where no federal OHV Law Enforcement Officers are currently assigned. The Lockwood Valley Station is the primary law enforcement agency for both the SVRA and the Los Padres National Forest for after hour call-outs. VCSD deputies enforce state laws and county ordinances on federal land. When only federal crimes are applicable, VCSD personnel take the necessary information, and forward it to federal officers for follow-up.

The Lockwood Valley Sheriff's Station is currently assigned 3 motorcycles and 1 quad. All of these vehicles are over 12 years old. With the current economic crisis facing law enforcement agencies statewide, our agency is unable to purchase replacement vehicles at this time. Maintaining and operating these vehicles in their current state has become cost ineffective, and recent incidents have shown them to be unreliable.

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This program will enhance OHV recreational safety and education.

The Lockwood Valley Sheriff's Station has not sought any State of California OHV grant funds in the past 5 years.

#### ITEM 2. Project Coverage

The Lockwood Valley Sheriff's Station patrol area consists of approximately 610 square miles of northern back country of Ventura County. The majority of this area is located within the Los Padres National Forest, and includes the majority of the Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). The areas primarily associated with this project are the Mount Pinos District of the Los Padres National Forest and Hungry Valley SVRA.

The Ballinger Canyon OHV area of the Los Padres National Forest consists of approximately 38 trails and a campground, both concentrated in an approximate 24 square mile area. The approximate length of all trails combined are 68.3 miles. The Ballinger Canyon area is located at the north/west portion of the county, bordering Kern County, and partially extending west into Santa Barbara County.

The Frazier Mountain Area of the Los Padres National Forest includes a widespread area of trails located in the north/east portion of Ventura County. This trail system connects the Hungry Valley SVRA to Frazier Mountain, Gold Hill, Alamo Mountain, the communities of Lockwood Valley, and Grade Valley. The combined length of trails is approximately 76 miles.

The Hungry Valley SVRA is the second largest of the California State Park's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. Its 19,000 acres includes an extensive network of trails, campgrounds, and open riding areas. The combined length of trails is approximately 130 miles.

Lockwood Valley Road is an approximate 26 mile public roadway, maintained by the County of Ventura. It is the main thoroughfare for all Lockwood Valley residents, leading from Kern County to its termination at State Route 33 in Ozena Valley. The roadway travels through forest and county property. This roadway is used by OHV visitors of the Los Padres National Forest, including Frazier Mountain and all forest areas west. This corridor provides access to campgrounds and many small, off road trails, both designated and those non-designated on private and public property, created by trespassers. The area is bordered by the Chumash Wilderness to the north and the Sespe Wilderness to the south. State Route 33 is another public roadway entering the project area north of Rose Valley Road. It is a common thoroughfare for OHV operators traveling to Ballinger Canyon, and allows access to Apache Canyon, Quatal Canyon, and Tinta and Rancho Nuevo Campgrounds in the Dick Smith Wilderness. The combined length of designated trails in these areas, excluding Ballinger Canyon, is approximately 51 miles.

### ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Patrols will be primarily established on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, and on random weekends in the spring, summer, and fall. Occasional patrols will be established during the week. OHV based law enforcement will also be initiated during SAR operations as incidents develop.

#### ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

Typical deployment will include one senior deputy sheriff and one deputy sheriff. Additional personnel may be assigned as influenced by OHV operator population and/or calls for service. Patrols may be dispatched as a self sustained unit, or may include a support patrol vehicle and in some cases a command post. It is anticipated that a minimum of 150 hours of time per officer will be devoted to OHV patrol. This estimate does not include any SAR incidents which may require additional time.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

Los Padres National Forest/Ballinger Canyon OHV area: This area is described by many visitors as "The Wild West". This area has had little law enforcement presence on its trail systems in recent years. Problems associated with this area are reckless operating of OHV vehicles, intoxicated operators, and operators leaving marked trail systems. Many after hours SAR operations are performed in this area for lost OHV operators.

Los Padres National Forest/Mount Pinos East: This area is bordered by the Sespe Wilderness. Many riders disregard seasonal trail closures and private property signs and/or become lost or disabled. No federal OHV Law Enforcement Officers are currently assigned to this area.

Hungry Valley SVRA: This area is heavily used and populated during weekends and holidays. Existing State Park Rangers are supplemented with VCSD SAR and patrol resources to ensure adequate OHV law enforcement staffing.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

The proposed project will enhance OHV recreation through enforcement of existing state laws and county ordinances, enhanced search and rescue capabilities, and education of OHV operators.

Enforcement will center on maintaining a visible, uniformed presence on OHV trail systems, issuing citations for safety violations, ensuring equipment compliance, and enforcing a no tolerance policy on intoxicated operators. All intoxicated operators will be arrested and booked. Enhanced search and rescue capabilities will result from the purchase and operation of new OHV enforcement vehicles. These vehicles will transport search personnel and Emergency Medical Technicians in advance of aviation based and ground based search and rescue teams, whom may have an extended time of arrival to incidents of lost and injured OHV operators. Education will center around providing OHV operators with maps, and posting signs, to help them establish boundaries of recreation, trail conditions, and where to call for help.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department works closely and cooperatively with federal, state, and county agencies. In the project area, VCSD deputies have an informal agreement to assist, and work cooperatively with, State Park Rangers, Los Padres Forest Law Enforcement Officers, and deputies with the Kern County and Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Departments.

VCSD personnel assist Hungry Valley SVRA Rangers with cooperative patrols, search and rescue operations in the SVRA, and provide them with intoxication investigation expertise and alco-sensor resources maintained by VCSD. Hungry Valley State Park Rangers train VCSD deputies in motorcycle operation and safety. VCSD has a formal, written contract with the Los Padres National Forest to provide contract law enforcement services when needed. Outside of the contract, VCSD maintains a close working relationship with Federal Law Enforcement Officers, sometimes patrolling forest areas together in the same VCSD unit.

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4.	Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? (Please select Yes or No)	C	Yes	•	No
	Explain				

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Not applicable.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information Yes on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No)

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

VCSD patrol personnel have received formal training in OHV safety and operation by instructors with California State Parks OHV Division. This class was sponsored by The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (The MSF Dirt Bike School). The State Parks Rangers who instructed the class are also assigned to the Hungry Valley SVRA and work closely with VCSD personnel. As part of the training, State Park Rangers have lead training rides on most of the trails, as well as area forest trails, and have instructed VCSD personnel on subjects relating to natural resource protection.

In addition to this training, VCSD personnel will seek additional training with classes certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

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7.	Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR	Yes	C No
	Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No)		

8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department enforces state laws and county ordinances on federal land. The United States Forest Service/Los Padres National Forest has a formal, written agreement with the VCSD for contract law enforcement services. When contracted, VCSD deputies are expected to patrol forest lands and take enforcement action when warranted. When a federal violation is observed, and no state or county law applies, deputies are expected to take information that can be forwarded to federal law enforcement officers for follow-up.

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

Ventura County does receive OHV in-lieu of tax funds. These funds have historically been used to maintain department OHV vehicles, purchase OHV personal gear, and compensate for fuel and vehicle rental costs associated with OHV enforcement.

With the current financial crisis being faced by Ventura County, considerable funding has been cut from every division of the department. Especially hard hit is the Sheriff's Aviation / Search and Rescue Unit. This unit frequently responds to OHV accidents in the project area and provides medical transport to distant hospitals. The unit also provides search and rescue services. Virtually all of the OHV in-lieu finding has been diverted to help prevent the closure of this unit. No in-lieu fees are currently available to assist with this project at this time.

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 APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
 Not Applicable.

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## **Project Cost Estimate**

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APPLICANT NAME :	Ventura County Sheriff's Department				
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement - Lockwood Valley S	ub-Station (FINAL)		PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-03-51-L01
PROJECT TYPE :	☐ Acquisition	☐ Development	☐ Education	n & Safety	Ground Operations
	Law Enforcement	Planning	Restoration	on	
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRE	CT EXPENSES						
Progi	ram Expenses						
1	Staff						
	Law Enforcement Officers  Notes: Senior Deputy Sheriff. Includes hourly wage and benefits.	150.000	149.270	HRS	12,491.00	9,900.00	22,391.00
	Law Enforcement Officers  Notes: Deputy Sheriff. Includes hourly wage and benefits.	150.000	128.910	HRS	9,437.00	9,900.00	19,337.00
	Total for Staff				21,928.00	19,800.00	41,728.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Electronics Installation  Notes: Installation of LED red / blue lights by Ventura County  Sheriff's Department Communications Unit. 5 hours labor per quad.	10.000	70.000	HRS	700.00	0.00	700.00
	Other-Routine maintenance  Notes: Scheduled maintenance for motorcycles and quads.  Serviced by the vehicle vendor, Cal Coast Motorsports.	4.000	433.000	EA	1,732.00	0.00	1,732.00
	This estimate is pro-rated for one year per vehicle. (Service contract is sold as a 3 year plan with a cost of \$1,300 per vehicle)						
	Total for Contracts				2,432.00	0.00	2,432.00

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	Qty	Rate	ООМ	Grant Request	Match	Total					
Materials / Supplies	Materials / Supplies										
Signs	1.000	300.000	SET	300.00	0.00	300.00					
Safety Equipment  Notes: Helmets, gloves, boots, and chest protectors.	2.000	300.000	EA	600.00	0.00	600.00					
Other-Publications	1.000	800.000	SET	800.00	0.00	800.00					
Other-Fuel  Notes: Estimated usage of 60 gallons of fuel at market rate of 2.85 per gallon.	60.000	2.850	MISC	171.00	0.00	171.00					
Other-ATV Equipment  Notes: Red and blue LED emergency lights and switches for 2 quads.	2.000	350.000	EA	700.00	0.00	700.00					
Other-Uniforms Notes: OHV Uniform pants and shirts.	2.000	300.000	EA	600.00	0.00	600.00					
Total for Materials / Supplies				3,171.00	0.00	3,171.00					
4 Equipment Use Expenses											
Equipment Rental  Notes: Black and White 4x4 Patrol Unit	750.000	0.460	MI	345.00	0.00	345.00					
Equipment Purchases											
Other-Motorcycle Notes: Honda CRF450X9	2.000	8334.430	EA	16,669.00	0.00	16,669.00					
Other-ATV / Quad Notes : Honda TRX420FM	2.000	6930.680	EA	13,861.00	0.00	13,861.00					
Total for Equipment Purchases				30,530.00	0.00	30,530.00					
6 Others											
7 Indirect Costs											

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
Total	Program Expenses				58,406.00	19,800.00	78,206.00
TOTA	L DIRECT EXPENSES				58,406.00	19,800.00	78,206.00
TOTA	L EXPENDITURES				58,406.00	19,800.00	78,206.00

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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative			
DIREC	T EXPENSES							
Progra	Program Expenses							
1	Staff	21,928.00	19,800.00	41,728.00	This project proposes deploying a minimum of two sworn deputies into the project area for OHV patrol, for a minimum of 150 hours per officer.  The costs associated with any additional officers deployed for this purpose will be absorbed by the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.			
					The Ventura County Sheriff's Department bills a standardized rate for compensation of labor expenses. The standard rate for the Senior Deputy classification is \$149.27. The standard rate for the Deputy classification is \$128.91. These rates are not reliant on regular versus overtime status. They include the officer's regular salary plus benefits.			
2	Contracts	2,432.00	0.00	2,432.00	The Ventura County Sheriff's Department Communications Unit installs all radio and specialized lighting equipment for our agency. This unit will be tasked with installing emergency lighting equipment on our purchased ATV / quad equipment.			
					The County of Ventura GSA / Fleet Services division does not perform maintenance on ATV equipment. Our agency uses the vendor Cal Coast Motorsports for most of our ATV equipment purcases and maintenance. This service plan includes a 3 year plan for routine services per unit. For the purposes of this grant,			

					the overall cost has been pro-rated for the first year, estimated to be \$433 per vehicle.
3	Materials / Supplies	3,171.00	0.00	3,171.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	345.00	0.00	345.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	30,530.00	0.00	30,530.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	Program Expenses	58,406.00	19,800.00	78,206.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		58,406.00	19,800.00	78,206.00	
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## **Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)**

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I	ITEM 1 and ITEM 2				
	ITEM 1				
a.	ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? (Please select Yes or No)	C	Yes	•	No
	ITEM 2				
b.	Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No)	C	Yes	•	No
ı	ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378				
C.	ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? (Please select Yes or No)	C	Yes	•	No
d.	The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No)	•	Yes	С	No
e.	Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the envi a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10	ronn	nent and	are	thus not
ı	ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands				
I	ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project				
l	ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts				
I	ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources				
I	ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials				
	Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No)	C	Yes	C	No
	If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.	and	the meas	sure	s to be
I	ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources				
	Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No)	C	Yes	C	No
	Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to resources.	hist	orical or	cult	ural

**ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts** 

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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS) for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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